

economy has been drastically impacted by the September 11, 2001 act and by the subsequent bioterrorism that has occurred throughout America. Both the job creator and the individuals are facing difficult financial situations and action needs to be taken now.

This bill, H.R. 3090, will provide incentives for businesses to create those jobs and innovations to invest in our country and in our future. The bill will also address the issues related to human impacts by these attacks. Hundreds of thousands of individuals are in dire financial straits through no fault of their own and are offered a helping hand in this bill.

This bill will allow for States to provide flexibility to supplement current unemployment and health benefits in States where events of September 11 have caused an increase in the number of unemployed. The bill also offers incentives for businesses to create jobs, spur innovations and invest in our country's future. I urge everybody to support H.R. 3090.

#### ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE OUGHT TO BE REJECTED

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, later today we will be called upon to vote on the economic stimulus package presented from the other side of the aisle. Should that package pass, we will create the greatest inequality in the treatment of American taxpayers in decades in this country. We will return to the days of yesteryear where in 1986, 1987, and 1988 corporations were making millions of dollars and paid no taxes. They paid nothing for the privilege of the defense system of this country. They paid nothing for the research capabilities of this country. They paid nothing for the privileges of being an American corporation.

Today, we are going to go back and we are going to repeal the alternative minimum tax so those corporations will be back in the position of paying no taxes and at the same time, at a time when this country is at war, when we are asking for shared contribution, shared sacrifice, we are going to dump the burden of this war, the cost of this war, the cost of this deficit, the cost of bailing out Social Security on the backs of working people and the payroll tax. That is what the Republican Party believes is fair, is equitable. It is wrong, it drips with greed, it drips with special interests and it ought to be rejected.

#### PUTTING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PERSPECTIVE

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take just a couple of moments to put the terrorist attacks in perspective. Every day, the 10 leading causes of death in our country result in 5,032 deaths. The fifth leading cause of deaths in our country are accidents. Nearly half of those deaths are caused by automobile accidents. And nearly half of the automobile accident deaths are the result of drunk driving. Every day, about 60 people die as a result of drunk driving. As bad as the terrorist attacks are, we have lost three people to anthrax in the last 9 days.

Your chances of being killed by a drunk driver are far, far, far more than your chances of dying from anthrax.

Mr. Speaker, we must not allow the terrorists to shut down our government. We must not allow them to shut down our country. Please put this in perspective.

#### VOTE AGAINST THE TAX BILL

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the real casualty, it looks like, from the 11th of September was the democracy that this House represents. We were told we could have unlimited 1-minutes today, and suddenly they do not want to have us talk. They do not want to have us talk in hearings. They do not want to bring in people to tell us what these bills are going to do, so today you are going to be faced with a bill that had 1 hour of hearings. Nobody came and told us any of the facts about what was in the bill. So we are going to go out when we go home this weekend and tell our friends and neighbors in our district, buy war bonds so you can give \$1.4 billion to IBM, buy war bonds so you can give \$2.3 billion to the Ford Motor Company. That is going to stimulate the economy, folks. That really is. Without one hearing.

What else do we have to do but talk? We do not have an office. We do not have staff. We do not have anything else, but we cannot talk in the House of the people. That is shameful. You ought to vote against that tax bill on no other reason than that alone.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair would remind all Members to deactivate electronic devices in the Chamber as a courtesy to other Members.

#### SUPPORT THE STIMULUS PACKAGE

(Mr. FLAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Committee on Ways and Means for putting together a great package, a stimulus package, H.R. 3090. The best thing about this package is it does provide some stimulus. That is what we need to remember. We ought to stop the class warfare that generally typifies our discussions here and for this day focus on what is going to provide some stimulus.

This speeds the rate reduction for those in the 28 percent tax bracket. We ought to speed it up for everyone, including those in the higher brackets. It increases capital gains tax deductions. It also allows some capital gains reduction for those holding these capital gains for longer.

I urge the House to hold firm on this package in its negotiations later and to resist the class warfare and resist the redistribution that we are want to do in this House and to provide something that provides long-term stimulus to the economy.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE POSTAL SERVICE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we know that what America wants is to have its Nation secured. We also realize that the heart of America is our people. That is why I want to pay tribute to the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service and offer my deepest sympathy for those we lost over the weekend. The Postal Service, who delivers mail through rain or shine or any other difficulty, are the working people of America.

That is why I ask the U.S. Postal Service to give every single postal worker gloves and surgical masks as the science dictates, to provide free testing and free treatment and free drugs if necessary to treat them as it relates to the anthrax scare. These are difficult times and America needs to invest in its people. That is why I will vote "no" for this special interest economic stimulus package that stimulates no one but corporate America. And yes, I will vote to help postal workers, and I will vote to federalize the airline security system because what America wants is a secure Nation for the working people of America and all the people of America, not a special interest economic stimulus package that serves no absolute purpose.

#### GOOD NEWS REGARDING MARS SPACE PROGRAM

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1